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WALHALLA, S. C.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1917.

THE RED CROSS WORK.

The ladies of Walhalla and community have gone to work in earnest for the Red Cross. At a meeting held Monday afternoon committees were appointed, and the various lines of work will be carried on under the supervision of divisional heads. It has been arranged for the use of rooms over C. W. Pitchford's store for sewing and such other work as may be taken up, this in addition to work to be carried on by some at home who cannot go to the Red Cross rooms. There is a spirit of hearty co-operation prevalent here, and the work is moving along smoothly in the preliminary stages. As soon as materials and patterns are in hand work will be taken up for the turning out of those things most needed in the field hospital work of the Red Cross.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless, that the Red Cross has been signally honored by the United States government in that the government will accept no assistance in its hospital work save that which comes through the channels of the Red Cross, which is so closely identified with our government as to be, both in times of peace and in time of war, often mistaken for a governmental effort in relieving suffering, sickness and distress. Wherever calamity, disaster or war devastates, there the Red Cross will be found to minister to the suffering ones. The organization knows no nationality, but serves humanity wherever humanity is in need of help. It is a great work that is being carried on, and should appeal to every one. It is evident that the Red Cross has met with great favor among the women of Walhalla.

WHAT ARE YOUR CLAIMS?

To-day brings the young men of Oconee face to face with the first real call to the service of our country in a time of war. They have faced the requirement of registering themselves for service, and few failed to meet the demand cheerfully and gladly. Now, however, comes a real test. Our young men are to go before the exemption board, who will hear and consider their claims as to exemption from service. There should be no claim made where there is not strong reason for exemption—unless there is good reason why the man appearing should be relieved of the obligation he owes his country. A trivial plea for exemption will prove but a loud acknowledgment of cowardice or brand the applicant as a dastard—one who would shirk a duty to his country, his home, to himself, in the hope that some other man may be sent to do the work that he himself shirks.

We do not believe that Oconee is going to be disgraced by the young men from 21 to 30 years of age in the manner that is indicated by reports that have come to us. A man who has just grounds upon which to base a plea for exemption owes it to himself and his country to make that plea, and no such one should feel ashamed to make it. The man who seeks to present an excuse from service of country without full and sound reasons to back that plea, should forever be branded and remembered by the public for what he is and as what he brands himself—a coward, a shirker, a dastard. Oconee's young men, we believe, are going to be found peculiarly free from the taint that it has been intimated that some will bear. We are not ready to believe that any one of "our boys" will seek to evade this great duty, this opportunity to serve our common country in time of need.

And there are those, unfortunately—men of mature years, men who should be above any small act, or word, or thought—who are seeking to create dissensions among the ones who have been first called to service, and are endeavoring to place obstructions in the way of the government's accomplishing the exceedingly unpleasant task of raising an army. We are thankful that so far we have heard of no such person in our county. God grant that there shall be found no man in our midst so small, so degenerate as to raise his voice against the government at a time like this. Be such a one statesman, so-called, or patriot, self-styled, he deserves naught but the execration of every fair-minded, thoughtful, patriotic citizen. The man who carries on such work is traitorous at heart and thinks more of his own contemptible hide than he does of his country. If there is even one man in Oconee who thinks such thoughts as some in other States, and some even in our own State, have given expression to, we hope he will bury them deep down in the depths of his own ignominious soul, never giving expression to them.

Young men of the selective draft, be men! Come forward at your country's call and answer "Here am I." And let us of more years, if we are so unfortunate as to harbor for

one moment an unpatriotic thought, smother it before it gains the point of expression.

We have no word of reproach for the young man drawn on the lists for service who, having just reasons to present why he should not be chosen for service, presents them for consideration by the exemption board. What we have said is an expression of our view of one's duty to his government. But there are other duties we owe, and if perchance one's duty to home and family looms large and important, then that one should not hesitate to make known his position. "Duty" is a great word in times like these. No man should be afraid to go or ashamed to stay at the call of duty. If duty calls one to stay at home, and he can best serve his country there, that one is justified in remaining out of military service. But let us weigh well this mighty word when we consider it.

The world will always honor the man who follows where duty calls, be the call to the forefront of battle or to the more commonplace and humdrum activities of the home. Let us consider carefully, judge charitably, and act manfully. There is our place in the United States to-day for the coward, the bigot or the slacker.

We never like to say anything against the ladies, but old Auntie Draft hasn't got many admirers, and what few she has don't amount to anything.

Korniloff is a Russian name, to be sure, but it will be only a short time now until it will have a very important American application. For instance, when the husky farmer issues the order: "Git the corn-all-off that field and sow it down to wheat," or oats, and rye. And believe us, when the farmers of Oconee get the corn-all-off there is going to be SOME CORN in the cribs!

There will be a meeting of citizens of Walhalla at the Court House tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8.30 o'clock. Attend and take part in the meeting. There is always something that can be done by every citizen in a town. Don't say you are not needed. When there is something to be done every citizen is needed—if not for actual work, then for co-operation and for the benefit of his influence. Be at the Court House promptly at 8.30 o'clock.

Over in Europe, we note by reports coming in, they are using strawberry leaves as a substitute for smoking tobacco. Something must have happened to the cross-vine and mullein crops. And maybe they don't have "rabbit tobacco" over there. Give any American youngster a match, a piece of old brown paper and a day off in the fields, and we'll wager he'll find a dozen better substitutes for tobacco than strawberry leaves.

South Union News.

Westminster, R. F. D., Aug. 4.—Special: School opened at South Union last Monday with Robert Davis as principal and Miss Wingo and Mrs. Thomas as assistants.

Mrs. Ervin Moore and little son, of Greenwood, are guests of the former's father, H. F. Loftis.

Miss Nelle Crawford has returned from a week's visit to her sister in Lavonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Casey and daughter, Miss Ianthe, returned last Tuesday from a tour over several counties in Georgia. They were accompanied home by Miss Vera Attaway and Mrs. B. C. Brown, of Canon, Georgia.

Mrs. Edna Harris has purchased a new car.

Miss Laura McAllister, of Atlanta, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dave Marett.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cole and son, Hovie, of Anderson, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Meadow Marett have returned from a visit to the latter's parents at Long Creek.

Rev. Richardson, of Simpsonville, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. D. Boyd.

Quite a little party from here went up to the tunnel last Friday and spent the day. They report a very pleasant trip. Those enjoying the pleasure were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Casey, Mrs. B. C. Brown, Misses Ianthe Casey, Vera Attaway, Nelle Crawford, George Harris, Paul Marett, Louis Glymph.

The Misses Marett, of Richland, are guests of Misses Lillie and Lucy Marett this week.

Friendly Aliens May Join.

Washington, Aug. 6.—The ranks of the new national army were opened formally to-day to friendly aliens as volunteers. A ruling by Provost Marshal General Crowder, communicated to the local selection boards, directs that all such aliens who waive their rights of exemption on nationality be promptly accepted for service.

Orr's Reunion August 15-16.

The 15th annual reunion of the Survivors' Association of Orr's Regiment will be held at Easley, S. C., August 15th and 16th, 1917. All veterans are cordially invited to meet with us. An interesting program will be arranged. Addresses will be made by prominent speakers.

W. T. McGill,

For Committee.

Airman Fell to His Death.

Minneapolis, N. Y., Aug. 2.—Capt. R. L. Taylor, in command of the training section of the aviation signal corps here, lost control of his airplane to-day and plunged 800 feet to his death. Sergt. Thos. Pell, who was in the machine with him, suffered a broken jaw and internal injuries.

Says U-Boat Losses Small.

Berlin, Aug. 6.—It is officially declared that contrary to rumors of overwhelming submarine losses, the monthly average is a little more than three submarines lost between February 1 and August 1. The monthly increase in construction is much larger.

KILLED WIFE AND WOUNDED

Mother-in-Law—Enraged Over Trivial Family Affair.

Greenwood, Aug. 6.—Enraged, it is alleged, because his wife had left him to visit her parents after he had told her she should not do so, Frank Lloyd, aged 23, shot and killed his wife yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and wounded his mother-in-law with four shots from his automatic pistol. The mother-in-law, Mrs. Crane, is now in the Greenwood Hospital and it is believed she will recover. She has two bullet wounds in the face and one in each arm. The dead wife, Mrs. Minnie Crane Boyd, was shot twice in the left breast and once in the head. The shooting occurred at the Crane home in Grendel Mill village, No. 2, south of Greenwood.

Boyd and his wife lived in the Greenwood mill village. She wanted to visit her parents and, it is said, he told her not to go. She went anyway and Boyd followed her later in the day, and as soon as he walked up on the front piazza it seems he began shooting at his wife and then when she fell, turned on his mother-in-law. After the shooting he submitted quietly to arrest and made no resistance whatever when Sheriff McMillan and Chief of Police Chandler put him in an automobile and carried him to the county jail. He is still in jail and refuses to make any statement or even answer questions, maintaining a stolid silence. Boyd is a native of Laurens county, but has lived in Greenwood county almost all his life.

District S. S. Meeting at Friendship.

Following is the program for the District Sunday School Convention to be held at Friendship church on Saturday, August 11th:

Morning Session.

10.00—Devotional service. Led by district president.

10.15—"The Devotional Life of the Sunday School Worker." Dr. J. L. Stokes.

10.45—"Missions in the Sunday School." W. C. Hughes.

11.15—"Ten Points of Efficiency in the Modern Sunday School." Miss Milwee Davies, rural superintendent and acting elementary superintendent.

11.50—"Our Aims for the Year." (County standard, etc.) C. F. Herick, county superintendent.

12.10—Appointment of committees; roll call of schools; adjournment for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

1.15—Song and prayer service. Rev. Billy Thompson.

2.00—"The Aims of our County Division Superintendent." Mrs. Reid, elementary superintendent.

2.25—"Measuring the Schools on the District Chart." Rev. N. G. Ballenger, district president, assisted by a State worker.

2.50—Pledges for State and county work.

3.15—"The Work of the Sunday School Superintendent." (To be supplied).

3.35—"The Needs of the Country School." Miss Milwee Davies.

Local Notes from New Hope.

New Hope, Aug. 6.—Special: Mrs. Jay Abbott, of Columbia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Elrod. Mrs. Abbott receives a hearty welcome back to her girlhood community.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fendley and family, of the Fall Creek section, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boggs.

G. W. Irby, of Laurens county, spent several days last week at the home of J. F. Hunnicutt. Mr. Irby taught several terms of school here, and his many friends were glad to see him back.

Mrs. Harvey Kennemur and children, of Liberty, were visitors among relatives here a few days last week. School at this place is progressing nicely. W. H. Earle is the principal; Misses Addie Davis, Elsie Hunnicutt and Wannie Morgan, assistants.

Geo. Tippet is spending this week among relatives at Pelzer.

Walker Wyatt, of the Fairview section, and Henry Elrod will leave to-morrow (Tuesday) for Easley, where they will attend the Wyatt reunion.

Congressman to Quit.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Representative Holland, of Virginia, a Democrat, soon will resign from the House and return to Norfolk, his home, to devote his entire time to the banking business, it was announced to-day.

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SUMMONS FOR RELIEF.

The State of South Carolina,
County of Oconee.

(In Court of Common Pleas.)
Mrs. Ellen Bookhardt Thompson,
Plaintiff,

against
Arthur H. Thompson, James H. Thompson, William E. Thompson, Joseph B. Thompson, Mrs. Elsie Thompson Crayton, Mrs. Byrdie Thompson Holland and Miss Sue Florence Thompson, Defendants.

Summons for Relief.—(Complaint Served.)

To the Defendants Above Named:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber, at his office, on the Public Square, at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 17th day of July, 1917.
R. T. JAYNES,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

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